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# Lloyd E. Levine

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## **LEVINE HONORS FORMER STRIKING SUPERMARKET CLERK MARIA SANCHEZ 40TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR**

Assembly Majority Whip Lloyd E. Levine (D-Van Nuys) announced today that he has selected Maria Sanchez, as the 40th Assembly District's "Woman of the Year." Maria Sanchez will be honored on the floor of the Assembly on Monday, March 15, 2004.

Maria Sanchez has worked in the San Fernando Valley as a supermarket clerk for the past 13 years. After contract negotiations failed late last year, she spent 140 days on the picket lines as a strike captain to fight for--and win--the health benefits she and her coworkers were promised.

"Maria was one of the 45,550 mother's, daughter's, sister's and grandmother's on strike--fighting for the health benefits of all union employees," said Assemblymember Levine (D-Van Nuys). "I can think of no one more deserving of the title, 'Woman of the Year,' than Maria."

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